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Treatment of Military Dependents

1. On 17 August the Chinese Communist Politburo ordered all Communist Party bureaus to notify all military district headquarters that the immediate families of troops at the front in Korea are to be given special treatment by all levels of the local governments. These families are to be given special police protection and special signs are to be distributed to them to express the government's appreciation. They are also to be exempted from labor service.

Compulsory Blood Donations for Troops

2. In mid-November the health office of the Hunan government, in cooperation with the Hunan Students League, started a drive for the donation of blood for Chinese Communist troops wounded in Korea. As a result, all students in Hunan University at Changsha and in middle schools in Hunan who are in good physical condition are being forced to donate blood. The Hunan Provincial Hospital and the Yale-in-China Hospital, in Changsha, were also forced by Hunan provincial authorities to establish blood banks for the storage of blood donated by these students.

Military Stretcher Bearers

3. On 22 November approximately 500 Chinese Communist army stretcher bearers left Canton by rail for the north. Another 500 stretcher bearers left Canton by rail for the north on 25 November. Most of the stretcher bearers had been unemployed or beggars in the Canton area. All had taken a three-month training course in first aid at the training center at Nan Shih T'ou (南石頭) in the Canton area. Another 1,000 of unemployed and beggars are being trained at this center and will be organized into stretcher-bearer units.

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